

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2129 - SB 2386

February 12, 2002

SUMMARY OF BILL: Provides the following changes concerning the Court of the Judiciary:

- Extends jurisdiction of the Court of the Judiciary to special judges and candidates for judicial office;
- Adds statutory criteria to be used by the Court in determining sanction appropriate to the level of culpability;
- Allows the Court to impose any or a combination of the statutory sanctions;
- Adds sanctions such as public reprimand and private and public censure;
- Gives the Court of the Judiciary approval over the employment of staff and the compensation of disciplinary counsel.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant

Estimate assumes extending the Court of the Judiciary authority to special judges and judicial candidates would result in an increase in state expenditures. However, such increase in expenditures is estimated to be not significant and can be absorbed within existing resources.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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